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SUBJECT: MIYAZAWA PROPOSALS FOR INTERNATIONAL CURRENCY
ARRANGEMENTS

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1. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT FOLLOWING THE CABINET
MEETING WED MARCH 22 ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY DIRECTOR
GENERAL MIYAZAWA TOLD THE PRESS THAT JAPAN HAS RECOMMENDED
TO THE U.S. PRIVATELY THAT HIS PLAN TO STABILIZE EXCHANGE
RATE FLUCTUATIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. MIYAZAWA IS
REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THE PRESENT UNCERTAIN SITUATION
MUST BE IMPROVED BEFORE THE JAPAN-U.S. SUMMIT SCHEDULED
FOR EARLY MAY, ADDING THAT THE GROUNDWORK MUST BE LAID
FOR REFORMING THE CURRENT FREELY FLOATING SYSTEM BY THE
END OF APRIL WHEN THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND'S
INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETS. MIYAZAWA REPORTEDLY ALSO
INDICATED THAT "THE IDEA THAT THE U.S. GAINS (IN WORLD
TRADE) BY LEAVING THE DOLLAR ON THE DECLINE IS CHANGING,"
AND THAT "THE TIME HAS COME WHEN WE MUST MUTUALLY CONSIDER
AN ORDERLY FLOATING SYSTEM." SOME REPORTS ADD THAT
MIYAZAWA CONCEDED THAT ADOPTION OF A CONTROLLED FLOATING
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SYSTEM MIGHT NOT SOLVE THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS OF THE
CURRENCY SYSTEM BUT THAT IF CONTROLLED FLOATING WOULD PUT
THE ECONOMY OF THE MAJOR NATIONS ON THE PATH OF STEADY
RECOVERY IT WOULD BE MEANINGFUL ENOUGH. MANSFIELD

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